Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Catholic Church

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 2022

St. Mary Parish

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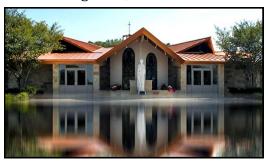
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Masses This Week

Sat. Nov. 5	4:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>St. Joseph & St. Mary Parishioners</i> (St. Mary) <i>Mary Jane Hendricks</i> <i>Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass</i>
Sun. Nov. 6	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	(St. Mary) The Miller & Nagel Families (St. Joseph) Deceased Members of St. Joseph Knights of Columbus
Mon. Nov. 7		No Mass
Tues. Nov. 8	8:30 a.m.	(St. Mary) The Pakes & Nelson Families
Wed. Nov. 9	8:30 a.m.	(St. Mary) Taylor Brandt
Thurs. Nov. 10	8:00 a.m.	(St. Joseph) Ray, Jeff and Mark Ogle
Fri. Nov. 11	8:00 a.m.	(St. Joseph) Thomas Krausse
Sat. Nov. 12	4:00 p.m.	(St. Joseph) John Shell
Sun. Nov. 13	5:45 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	

All Masses are in-person

Live-streaming available:

- St. Joseph on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
- St. Mary on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.



Join us on Facebook to view Mass streaming live (access available from each parish website):

- St. Mary: <u>www.saintmarymilton.org</u>
- St. Joseph: <u>www.stjoeedgerton.org</u>

Pray for the Sick

Please keep these parishioners and family members in your prayers:

Rich Addie Delores Alm Dorothy & Ken Bomkamp William Burdick William Butzke Frank Daniels *Ioyce DeMott* Bart DiMattina Aaron Ellis Carole Evans Pat Finucan Esther Folk Iane Folk Elizabeth Frve Anna Furlano Iim Furlano Helen Goerke Lynette Hammil Jared Hanson Duane Hendricks **Bud Hoff** Nick Hoff Bill Hupp Don Hying

Trish Jarzynski

Marion Kaiser Barb Keefe Matt Keller Kathleen Knight **Ieff Kraus** Loren Krueger Mary Ann Langer Lisa Meyers Lillian Moreno Mary Kay Mullen **Bob Murphy** Scot Nelson *Ieffrey Pipitone* Bill Rice Diana Riesterer *Ioe Riesterer* Phil Riesterer Rob Rosa Mike Ryder Rosemary Schafer Kathy Trimberaer **Bob Urban** Ron Yoss

Stewardship: A Way of Life

32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope with others. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The iov we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

WORD OF LIFE: "Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families."

Respect

St. Joseph Parish

This Week at St. Joseph

Sun. Nov. 6:

- 10:30 a.m. Junior Disciples
- 11:30 a.m. Donut Sunday

Mon. Nov. 7:

• 6:00 p.m. Small Group: What We Believe

Tues. Nov. 8:

- 9:00 a.m. Small Group: Mary A Biblical Walk
- 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Blood Drive
- 5:30-8:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group: Signs & Wonders
- 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council

Wed. Nov. 9

- 3:30 p.m. Faith Formation Gr 1-5
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Gr 6-9

Fri. Nov. 11:

Office Closed

Sat. Nov. 12:

- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Cenacles of Life
- 3:00 p.m. Confessions

Sun. Nov. 13:

- 10:30 a.m. Junior Disciples
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions
- 11:30 a.m. Baptism Preparation Class
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation prep

Financial Stewardship

Collection from October 30, 2022

Envelopes Info not
Offertory available at
On-Line Giving publication

Total

Weekly Income Needs 5,150.00

Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish! If you would like to contribute electronically, please sign up at https://giving.parishsoft.com/

app/aivina/stioeedaerton



Baptism: Scheduled after weekend Masses. Baptismal Preparation Class is required. They are offered the first Sunday of March, July, and November after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Marriage: Please contact the priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 3:00 pm before 4:00 pm Mass and the second and third Sunday after 10:30 am Mass.

Please keep these parishioners and family members in your prayers.

Gracie
Theresa Amundson
Fran Barrett
Lorrell Blau
Lois Bongle
Betty Bosben
John Bovard

Larry Burns
Joan Chesmore
Pat Chiumenti
Donna Dahl
Sue Dahms
Grace Farrington
Judy Fugate
Mya Harwood
Rosie Hatlen
Linda Hatton
Julie Hoff
Marge Hollenberger

Marian Jacob
Christian Kelsey
Robert Koch
John Kociolek
Annanell Krausse
Annette Nagle
Jeanne N.
Marilyn Nielsen
Maureen Plautz
John & Mary Pratt
Jane Raatz

Elliot Rademacher

Bob (Seamons)
Siemienkowicz
Jacinta Tinoco
Serrano
S. Severson
Sonja P.
Pat Spray
Frank Vogl
Darnell Ziegler

St. Mary Parish

Financially Speaking

Collection From Last Week (October 30, 2022)

Weekly Income Needs 7,788.00 based on income from budget

Envelopes Info not available at Offertory ACH & On-Line Giving publication

Fiscal Year-To-Date Contributions

YTD Envelopes & ACH *Available* YTD Offertory Nov. 20

Collection from last year (October 31, 2021)

Envelopes	3,414.00
Offertory	110.00
ACH & Online Giving	610.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!

This Week at St. Mary Parish

Sun. Nov. 6:

- 8:15-10:30 a.m. Family Ministry Class
- 8:30 a.m. Seeds

Mon. Nov. 7:

10:00 a.m. Belles of St. Mary

Tues. Nov. 8:

- 4:00 p.m. K-6 class
- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Wed. Nov. 9:

- 4:00 p.m. K-6 Class
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Council

Sat. Nov. 12:

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving basket distribution.

Sun. Nov. 13:

- 8:15-10:30 a.m. Youth Ministry class
- 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Confirmation prep class with parents
- 8:30 a.m. Seeds
- 1:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation prep class with parents
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry class

Special THANK YOU to parishioners Gail & John Nordlof for the donation of altar wine at St. Mary Parish.

Northleaf Winery, LLC 232 S Janesville Street Milton Wisconsin 53563 608-580-0575 fax 608-580-0576

www.northleafwinery.com

info@northleafwinerv.com

Christmas Giving Opportunities at St. Mary

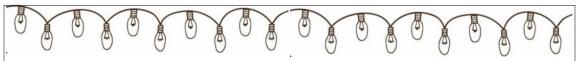
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- We are collecting gift card donations for teenagers of Rock County Jail inmates.
 Drop in the basket in Gathering Space.
 Deadline November 20.
- The "Giving Tree" will be set-up in the Gathering Space beginning November 19/20. It will contain envelopes for each resident at Rock Haven Nursing Home with a gift suggestion or two. You are asked to take an envelope, purchase a gift,

place inside a gift bag - wrapped gifts are difficult for residents to open - and bring back to St. Mary before **December 4**.

"I want your parish to know how much we appreciate you! The time, effort and love you put into making Christmas for the [Rock Haven] Residents is such a testament to your faith."

Vera Polglaze, Rock Haven



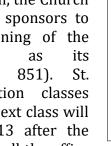
"Lights for Loved Ones" at St. Mary, Milton

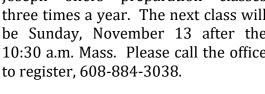
This Christmas, remember family, friends and all those we love and miss in a special way by including their names in a place of honor by our Christmas tree in the Gathering Space, as well as in the bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10 for each memorial, but any amount will be accepted. Contributions will be used to purchase poinsettias and live trees to decorate our church for the Christmas season.

Forms are available in the Gathering Space and will be accepted through December 4. Questions? Call Becky at 608-868-3335 or email at: becky.kreier1@gmail.com



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS at ST. IOSEPH: Before the celebration of baptism, the Church expects parents and sponsors to be formed in the meaning of the Sacrament as well as responsibilities (Canon 851). Joseph offers preparation classes three times a year. The next class will be Sunday, November 13 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call the office







This is the last weekend to order Christmas trees, wreaths and other items from St. Joseph

Knights of Columbus. If you are unable to order at the weekend Masses, use the QR code to order online.

For *On-line Orders Only* we are accepting Credit or i Debit Card payments and PayPal (a 3% processing fee will apply for these payment types). Visit www.stjoeedgerton.org/knightof-columbus-greenery-sale/ or scan the QR Code.

Proceeds will be used to fund Knights' charitable programs.

All orders are due November 7th! The trees and other items will be delivered fresh and available for pickup on Saturday, November 26th from 10:30 to noon in the lower level of St. Joseph Church.



Saturday, November 19 after 4:00 pm Mass in the Parish Hall Please join us!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT **Hosted by Knights of Columbus**

November 19 St. William Parish Hall 1822 Ravine Janesville, WI

Entry Fee: \$10

Registration: 5:15 p.m.

Cards: 6:00 p.m.

Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle

Beverages and sandwiches available for purchase.

All are welcome, singles or couples

All net proceeds will go toward Pregnancy Helpline

For more information contact Tim Walleser ***** 608-728-2419 OR

Edwin Heflin ***** 608-563-1301

Sanctuary Candle at St. Joseph is burning this week In Memory of Dick Saunders





EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. JOSEPH:

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 8TH 5:30 – 8:30 pm

A prayer for meditation during Adoration

Here I Am, Lord

Here I am, Lord, all wrapped up in yet another busy day, praying that I won't forget to follow in Your loving way! Let my words and deeds be measured by the kindness You outpoured. Let me give in selfless service nothing less than You, dear Lord. Fill my heart with peace and patience, slow me to a gentler pace, help me see Your Spirit shining in the most unlikely place. Here I am, Lord, far from perfect, thankful to be called your friend, hoping to become more loving, more like you today. Amen.

PREGNANCY HELPLINE – ROCK COUNTY AT ST. JOSEPH: Thank you to all who donated to the "Crib of Life". Your generosity will make a big difference in the lives of new



mothers and their babies. Please keep them in your prayers and may God bless you!

BLOODMOBILE ST. MARY, MILTON

Friday, November 18 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Appointments Encouraged!

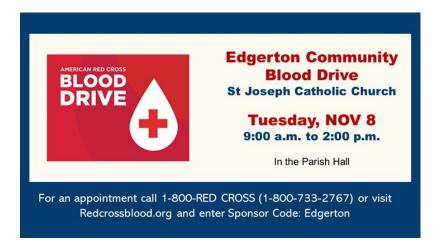
Click: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time

URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD DONORS!

Note: Donating has perks! Donate between Nov. 1-22 for a \$10 e-gift card of your choice! rcblood.org/perks



"UNFAILING LOVE" is a monthly gathering of people striving to understand God's path on this life journey. Colleen and Sabrina invite you to join them on Monday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Marv. Janesville in the Nativity House, for an evening of reminiscing about some really people, prayer, special encouragement. The first session, "Let There Be Light," follows several big holidays, which can sometimes be challenging. We hope that you'll consider joining us, as we pray to understand God's path for us on this journey. We plan to meet on the third Monday of the month beginning in January. For more information, contact Colleen at 608-346-3383 or Sabrina at 608-931-3898.





ST. JOSEPH SCRIP NEWS: The Fellowship
Committee **CHRISTMAS**

SCRIP GIFT CARD SALE is back! Gift cards make your shopping easy while raising money for the Fellowship Committee Scholarship Fund. They are the perfect gift – one size fits all! Place the order form and your check in an envelope and put in the Scrip Mailbox outside the parish office.

Your order will be ready for pick up after Masses the weekend of December 3 & 4. Questions? Contact Scott Campbell at scrip@stjoeedgerton.org.
Thank you for your support!

Or... On-Line ordering is available – super convenient! And *New This Year* you can make your purchase with a Credit or Debit card or with your PayPal account. (On-



<u>line Orders Only</u>, additional 3% processing fee will apply). Visit <u>www.stjoeedgerton.org/scrip-</u>

program or scan the QR Code to place your order now through November 27.





St. Joseph Fellowship Committee

SCRIP ORDER FORM

Name				Phone #			Pay	Payment	
Address						Cash	ys	Check#	0.00
Retailer	AMT	%	ΩT	Total	Retailer	AMT	%	ΩTY	Total
2 Brothers	\$25.00	10%		\$	Menards	\$25.00	3%		\$
Adidas	\$25.00	13%		\$	Menards	\$100.00	3%		\$
Amazon.com	\$10.00	2%		\$	Michael's Arts & Crafts	\$25.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com	\$25.00	2%		\$	Nike	\$25.00	12%		\$
Amazon.com	\$100.00	2%		\$	Noodles & Company	\$10.00	8%		\$
Applebee's®	\$10.00	8%		\$	Office Depot/Max *	\$25.00	2%		↔
Applebee's®	\$25.00	8%		\$	Old Naw	\$25.00	14%		€9
Arby's	\$10.00	8%		\$	Olive Garden ®	\$10.00	8%		€
Auto Zone *	\$25.00	7%		\$	Olive Garden ®	\$25.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble	\$25.00	8%		\$	Panda Express *	\$25.00	8%		€
Bass Pro Shops *	\$25.00	10%		\$	Panera Bread	\$10.00	8%	5	↔
Bath & Body Works	\$10.00	12%		\$	Panera Bread	\$25.00	8%		₩
Bath & Body Works	\$25.00	12%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza	\$10.00	8%		\$
Best Buy®	\$25.00	4%		\$	Petsmart *	\$25.00	5%		€
Best Buy®	\$100.00	4%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (Wi or IL)	\$25.00	3%		€
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10.00	8%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (Wi or IL)	\$100.00	3%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI)	\$10.00	8%		€
Cabela's	\$25.00	10%		\$	Qdoba*	\$25.00	7%		\$
Café On Main	\$25.00	10%		\$	Red Robin	\$25.00	8.0%		\$
Casey's General Store *	\$25.00	3%		\$	Ross Dress for Less *	\$25.00	8.0%		\$

\$	TOTAL	2						* New Retailer
\$		1.25%	\$100.00	Visa Gift Card	\$	15%	\$50.00	Kwik Trip - In Store Only
⊕		1.25%	\$50.00	Visa Gift Card	\$	15%	\$25.00	Kwik Trip - In Store Only
\$		5.00%	\$100.00	Woodman's	\$	5%	\$100.00	Kwik Trip - Fuel Only
\$		5.00%	\$50.00	Woodman's	\$	5%	\$50.00	Kwik Trip - Fuel Only
\$		2.50%	\$100.00	Walmart	\$	5%	\$25.00	Kwik Trip - Fuel Only
€		2.50%	\$25.00	Walmart	\$	4%	\$100.00	Kohl's
€		3%	\$10.00	Walmart	\$	4%	\$25.00	Kohl's
€		5%	\$25.00	Walgreens	\$	6%	\$25.00	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft
\$		8.0%	\$50.00	Top Golf*	\$	8%	\$25.00	# doul
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€		3%	\$10.00	Target	\$	3%	\$100.00	Festival Foods (애)
\$		2%	\$10.00	Taco Bell	\$	3%	\$25.00	Festival Foods (₩)
\$		7.0%	\$25.00	T.J. Max	\$	3%	\$10.00	Dunkin' Donuts
\$		4.5%	\$10.00	SUBWAY® Restaurants	\$	8%	\$25.00	Dunham's Sports
\$		4.5%	\$10.00	Starbucks	\$	%8	\$10.00	Domino's
\$		%6	\$25.00	Shutterfly *	\$	8%	\$25.00	Dick's Sporting Goods
\$		2%	\$25.00	Sephora *	\$	10%	\$25.00	Culver's
\$		2.5%	\$100.00	Sam's Club	\$	10%	\$10.00	Culver's
\$		2.5%	\$25.00	Sam's Club	\$	11%	\$10.00	Cold Stone Creamery

Orders Due: NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Place orders in the Scrip Mailbox outside the office. Make Checks Payable To: ST. JOSEPH'S SCRIP

Pick up orders after Masses December 3-4, 2022

scrip@stjoeedgerton.org Questions? Email Scott Campbell at

Knights of Columbus Pallbearer Program

The Knights of Columbus at St. Mary, Milton and St. Joseph, Edgerton have a new Pallbearer program. These Knight volunteers would be called upon when the family of a deceased loved one needs able-bodied volunteers to serve as pallbearers. For more information, please contact



• St. Mary, Milton:

Mike Tracey—608-751-0233—mtracey5@outlook.com

St. Joseph, Edgerton:

John Hammer—608-289-7656—jhammers@charter.net

St. Mary, Milton Knights of Columbus Pallbearer Volunteers:





St. Joseph, Edgerton Knights of Columbus Pallbearer Volunteers



ROSARY AT ST. MARY ON MONDAY MORNINGS: Our rosary group is still going strong. The rosary will be recited outside by Our Lady (corner of Parkview and St.

Mary St.) at 11:00 a.m., weather permitting. Time commitment is only 15 minutes. Please bring your own chair. If raining or other bad weather, we will meet inside church. The rosary is also recited immediately following Mass every Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday we follow the rosary with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Won't you join us?

DIOCESAN CONTACT PERSON NEEDED: Do you get distracted by the cute smiles and coos of babies at Mass? You are not alone! We are looking for someone to serve as a point of contact for new parents and/ or young families in our parish. Perhaps that is you. The goal for this volunteer position could include any of the following: connecting new parents with other families or existing family events in the parish, welcoming new parents who come to the parish seeking Baptism for their child, share parenting resources, set up meal trains for expecting mother, or more! don't need any experience You whatsoever. If you're interested, let's chat about the gifts that you bring to the table and how we can serve new parents and young families. Contact the parish office or Amy Klarkowski at the Office of Marriage and Family for more information. Amy can be reached at amy.klarkowski@madisondiocese.org

NOVEMBER BELLES OF ST. MARY **MEETING:** The Belles of St. Marv will meet on November 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. Yes, we are back in the Center after having spent the last two months meeting at Agrace in Janesville. Please join us as we make plans for the December potluck meal. Last year we had 5 priests join the Belles in celebration. If you are thinking of becoming at Belle, be sure attend the November meeting. Look us over; we are a fun group!

"Sometimes life is going to hit you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith."

Steve_Jobs

ST. MARY LIVESTREAM MASS NOT AVAILABLE ON NOVEMBER 6 & 13



CHECK OUT ST. MARY FACEBOOK PAGE: Each day we post new St. Mary's content to Facebook page Just a quick snippet to start your day. Check us out. Share the content with your friends. Be sure to check in on Tuesday's for fun questions to answer on Trivia Tuesday! Answers posted Wednesday. Access from St. Mary

website: saintmarymilton.org

PREPARE THE WAY—A Family **Event:** Saturday, November 19 from at 9:00-10:30 a.m. Schoenstatt Madison, 5901 Cottage Grove Rd. Each family will create and keep four Advent crafts to adorn the home and celebrate the special season. We'll also pray together and enjoy some snacks. \$20 per family. Email mhethen@gmail.com to register

Milton Knights of Columbus FAMILY OF THE MONTH October



Mary & Larry Kapheim Family

Mary has been the primary catechist of our Seeds program since its inception. She is a Eucharistic Minister and volunteers at the Food Pantry. Larry has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1975 serving St. Mary Parish, our community and active in the Knights. Please join us in congratulating and thanking Clarence for his years of dedicated service.

MITTEN TREE AT ST. JOSEPH: The Mitten Tree will be in the vestibule through November 27th. We are collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. The younger kids sometimes lose or misplace theirs, or just plain need them. Let's keep them as warm and safe as possible. Thank you!

St. Mary Faith Formation

Advent Adventure Registration : November Classes & More!! "Make Your Home in Me"

Nov 19th from 9a.m. -1p.m.

Getting ready to move into the season of Advent on the Church Calendar! Join us...3 year olds and older!



Name	Grade/Age
Allergies or med	dical conditions:

Parent/Guardian (Name/Phone #)

Lunch order: hot dog meal bringing my lunch



RSVP by Nov. 16th

Nov. 6th **Family** Min. from 8:15-10:30 a.m.

Nov. 13th Middle School Classes from 8:15-10:30 a.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Nov. 13th Confirmation Candidate-Parent from 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m. or 1:30-7:30 p.m.

Nov. 20 Confirmation Candidate-Parent from 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

ACTIONS/Evangelization Opportunities:

To Live as He lived, To love as He loved, To serve as He served

Nov. 12th Community Action Thanksgiving Baskets Distribution @ St. Mary from 8:30-10AM Assist families by taking Thanksgiving goodies to their vehicles.

Nov. 19th Advent Adventure from 9:00 a.m. (8:45 a.m. helpers) - 1:00 p.m. Parents are invited to drop-off their preschool and elementary children in the Parish Center for a morning of crafts, games, activities, music, stories, lunch and more! RSVP by Nov. 16th

Questions? Contact Sabrina at sabrina.elsen1@gmail.com

MSGR. KEVIN AKAGKA / ST. MICHAELS, NIGERIA and ST. JOSEPH PARISH:

A brief history: In 1997, Fr. Jim Gunn became our parish priest, but after a few months, Bishop Bullock called on him to move to a neighboring parish in need. Fr. Kevin Akagha (having a temporary position with the Catholic Church in the U.S. from a very poor diocese in Nigeria, Africa) was assigned to our parish before Fr. Gunn left to get acquainted with the parish and the congregation.

Before Fr. Gunn left for his new assignment. he asked Fr. Kevin if there was anything we, as a parish, could do for him. Fr. Kevin humbly asked if there was any possibility, we could help his home parish continue the building of their church, St. Michael's, in his hometown. Construction had begun a few years prior, but at the time, was very slow due to the poverty of the country.

Our parish agreed to take periodic collections to assist with building and related expenses. In 2000, Fr. Kevin had to return to Nigeria but said he would keep us informed of St. Michael's progress.

Just before Christmas in 2006, Fr. Bill Hower, our pastor then, and 11 parishioners travelled to Nigeria to attend the dedication of St. Michael's as a distinct parish in the Owerri Provence of Nigeria. The dedication was a colorful and joyous occasion with Fr. Bill and Fr. Kevin concelebrated the dedication mass. Please see the photo album in the vestibule for pictures of this once in a lifetime occasion!

Although dedicated, numerous finishing details were yet to be completed such as installation of glass windows, or a ceiling to insulate from heat. A rectory was added and now there are ongoing maintenance needs.

Even though it has been a while and some of the principal figures in this episode are no longer with us, in the spirit of discipleship, we are hoping to be able to maintain our friendship of St. Joseph's with St. Michael's. Next weekend we will have a special collection for St. Michael's in Nigeria. Please drop your donation in the collection basket or at the office. Fr. Kevin and St. Michael's still appreciate any financial support we can give. *Thank you! George Stanek*

BULLETINS MAILED HOME: Would you or someone you know benefit from having our weekly bulletin mailed to your home? If so, please contact:

- St. Mary: Vicki at 608-449-6530 or email victoria.kersten1@gmail.com
- St. Joseph: Laura at 608-884-3038 or email admin@stjoeedgerton.org

Fr. David on Some Disciplines of the Sacraments

- Any person of goodwill, regardless of his or her religious beliefs, is welcome to the Mass. However, not everyone is able to receive Communion.
- Those who are separated or divorced are still able to receive Communion. Those who have remarried outside the Church are unable.
- Please help me in encouraging our daughters and sons to get married in the Church. They can meet with a priest at least 6 months in advance for marriage preparation. Those who marry outside the Church (usually by a judge or non-Catholic minister) and those who are unmarried but in a sexual relationship are not able to receive Communion or be a godparent.
- If a couple seeks to marry in the Church but one or both have previously married, they must consider their previous marriages with a priest. They may need to apply for an acknowledgment of "lack of form" or apply for an annulment regarding a previous marriage.
- Please help me in encouraging Catholics who married outside the Church to get their marriage convalidated, so that it becomes recognized by the Church. Catholics whose 2nd marriage is outside the Church are encouraged to apply for an annulment of the 1st marriage.
- Catholic parents who wish to baptize their child must verify that they
 are members of a parish. They must affirm that they will raise their
 child in the Catholic faith (faithfully attending Mass and faith
 formation). If they are not married in the Church, I remind them that
 their child can be baptized, but that they are unable to receive
 Communion.
- The baptism of a child requires one or two godparents. If there are two, they must be a man and a woman. Godparents must be verified as members of a Catholic parish, Confirmed, faithfully attending Mass, living consistently with the Catholic faith, and, if married, they are married in the Church.
- I am happy to discuss these matters with anyone.





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Readings for Week of Movember 6-13

Sunday, November 6

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Luke 20:27-38

Monday, November 7

Titus 1:1-9

Psalm 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 8

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

Psalm 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29

Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 9

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

John 2:13-22

Thursday, November 10

Philemon 7-20

Psalm 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 11

2 John 4-9

Psalm 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18

Luke 17:26-37

Sunday, November 13

Malachi 3:19-20a

Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19



Four Holy Habits

RECLAIM SUNDAY



A day to attend Mass, to rest and spend time with family & friends

PERSONAL PRAYER



Pray and read the scriptures at least 15 minutes per day

FAST ON FRIDAY



Fast from meat or spend the day with some type of penance/mortification

CONFESSION



Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly